

# MENTOR UNITED WEEKLY UPDATE METHODIST CHURCH

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THEME INSPIRED BY  
PASTOR MIKAYLA DOEPKER



# Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for the past (almost) three years of ministry together. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as one of your pastors. Getting to know many of you and sharing in your joys and sorrows has been a privilege and an honor. Serving Christ alongside you and within the Mentor community has been a beautiful experience.

The time has come for me to say goodbye as your pastor and to move to serve a new congregation, community, and ministry. Goodbyes are always bittersweet and filled with both joyful and painful memories of my time with you. I am not the same person that I was when I first came to serve you and you are not the same church that I first met. Change and transition, while painful at times, help us to grow and flourish.

To make room for our continued growth and flourishing and out of respect for the new relationships we will be forming, it is important that I say goodbye. I look forward with joy to the ways in which you will continue to be the church and share the love of Christ with the world. Although I won't be present for weddings, funerals, baptisms, special events and other celebrations in your future, know that I am praying for you, and you will always have a special place in my heart. I give thanks for the opportunity to have been your pastor.

In Genesis 21:6-7 we read, "Sarah said, 'God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.' And she added, 'Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'" At hearing and abiding in God's call, Sarah is moved to laughter at the reality of having a baby in her old age. There are times in our lives where God calls us to go or to let go and it may move us to laughter at the thought. I am moved to laughter when I think about God calling me to do church in a bowling alley through Bowling and Bibles or through a middle school theatre group. I hope you, too, will be moved to laughter as you reflect on God's amazing call in your life and as you look forward to the future lived with Christ.

In Love and Laughter,

*Pastor Mikayla*



Thank you, Pastor Mikayla, for your leadership and inspiration these past few years at MUMC. You have blessed many youth and young adults through your leadership with the youth group, Memorial Middle School musicals, and Bowling and Bibles outreach. Your influence will continue to be felt by many who continue to live out their faith that you have helped to nurture. We wish you all the best in your new appointment.



# Care CONGREGATIONAL

In our prayers today & in your personal prayer time, please remember the following:

**Members admitted to Rehab,**

**Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:**

*Aberdeen Crossing* - Barbara Bradrich

*The Enclave* - Kay Disbro, Delores Tackett,  
Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines

*Salida Woods* - Doris Sturm

*CareCore* - Virginia Gilman

*Parker Place* - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell,  
Opal Pinasky, Deloris Parsons

*Danbury Senior Living* - Kathryn Bevacqua

*Tapestry* - Gloria McFeely

*Symphony of Mentor* - Lorraine Ahlstrom

*Breckenridge/Fairmount* - Patricia Laubscher

*Legacy in Willoughby* - David Fell

**Members who are in need of prayer:**

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Dick Anderson,  
Luke Sanvido, Star Bruno

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Ann Shetler,  
who passed on June 7, 2023.**

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Bob Chamberlain,  
who passed on June 8, 2023**

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Frank Kish Jr.,  
who passed on June 9, 2023**



# Need to Know

## Mission Event

You are invited to meet Patrick Booth, a United Methodist missionary serving in Cambodia on Wednesday June 28th at 6:30 PM at Jefferson UMC (125 East Jefferson Street - Jefferson, OH 44047). Hear what daily life is like for a missionary & learn about Patrick's work with Project ARK.

Project ARK's mission is to tackle poverty as a culprit of human trafficking by equipping and restoring livelihood and dignity through the construction trades while introducing quality, affordable homes in the Cambodian real-estate market. Patrick is passionate about his ministry and has stories to share of God's work in Cambodia. For more info or to sign up, contact Kate Colbow: 440-867-5842 or email [kate\\_colbow@yahoo.com](mailto:kate_colbow@yahoo.com).

## A Thousand Hallelujahs

All are invited to join us on Sunday, June 25 at 9:00 and 11:00 for "A Thousand Hallelujahs" - a special time of worship through music, prayer, and praise! You won't want to miss this celebration of God's faithfulness and love. Come worship God through song in the Modern Worship space next Sunday!

## Important Announcement

Pastor Barb Holzhauser has shared her gifts of pastoral care and her heart for "tending souls" with this congregation for the past 3 years. She has shepherded God's people as they or their loved ones have struggled in the toughest of times including end-of-life stages, times of loss, and times of sickness. Pastor Barb has led Grief Groups and our Caring Servants. She has poured out and shared her very heart and soul in a very Christ-centered, theological way. Her skills have been such an asset to our church family. It is now time for her to take care of herself physically, mentally, and spiritually. We wish her all the best in her retirement June 30. We pray she will find peace spending more time with her family.

We will present her with a gift and a love offering on Sunday, June 25th. Please consider contributing to the love offering. Plan on stopping into the Gallery after services that day to share words of appreciation.

## You're Invited: Training

We invite you to consider joining us in a special training session to be held at MUMC on Mon, June 26, 6:30-8:00 PM. The training includes a devotion, intercultural competency training, and covenant building.

## Matilda The Musical Jr.

Come see the Theatre Arts Camp perform *Matilda The Musical Jr.* on Friday, June 23rd at 7:30 PM and Saturday, June 24th at 1:00 PM.

[TICKETS HERE](#)

## MUMC Softball Schedule

*Tue. June 20*  
*Latter Day Saints*  
*Field #1*

*Thu. June 29*  
*St. John Lutheran*  
*Field #2*

First pitch is at 6:30 PM! All games are at Richmond Heights Community Park: 27285 Highland Road. Come see us play!



NEW

## Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning **July 2**, our summer services will be:  
9 AM Modern  
11 AM Traditional

These two services will still be live streamed.  
This schedule will go through Sept. 3rd.

**Hannah's Home  
Baby Bottle Coin Collection**  
MUMC has partnered with Hannah's Home this year to assist with their baby bottle fundraiser.

Due on Father's day, bottles will be available at the church. Please consider taking one and placing your extra change, paper money or a check made out to Hannah's Home in the bottle. **Turn in to the church office on June 18th; if you can't make it in person, drop them off in the church office the following week or give online.** Missions Committee will match donations up to \$1,000. Please contact Betsy Iskra at 440-283-6524 with any questions.



# What's Your M.?



## Mission Opportunities

### Walk to End Alzheimers

JOIN OUR TEAM to help with fundraising and organizing for this event. Register online today for the 2023 Lake/Geauga Walk to End Alzheimers on Saturday, September 23, 2023. For questions, contact team leader Karen Martin: 440-796-2179. [Click here](#) or visit our website to register.

### Stream Team Invitation

Our Stream Team is always on the lookout for new individuals to add to our team for Sunday morning streams. There are many different things you can do (and you don't need prior experience). Contact Andrew Ring or the church office to get involved.

### More Than A Meal

We hope that you can help us out this month on Saturday, June 24th for MTAM. There is a great need for more volunteers to make this evening happen! You can sign up [online](#) for various roles.

### Fellowship Hour

Fellowship hour is looking for individuals, families, Journey Groups or Teams to host on Sunday mornings. There are also still opportunities to donate prepackaged food such as chips, crackers, and cookies. To get involved or know more, please contact Kathy Fellows: 440-477-4485.

### UH Needs Volunteers

UH Lake West & TriPoint are seeking volunteers 16+. For more info, call TriPoint Medical Center in Concord 440-354-1665 or Lake West Medical Center in Willoughby 440-953-6049

### Food Ministry

- Cereal
- Marinara
- Canned Fruit

Items can be dropped off in the community center.

For an extended list of items, please visit the Info Hub or our [website](#).

### Summer Volunteers

Volunteer for this summer's Children's programs by [clicking here](#) or visiting our [website](#).

# WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

## Children & Family Ministries

[www.mentorumpc.org/children](http://www.mentorumpc.org/children)

### Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC

- [Check-In Instruction Video](#)
- Ages 0-2 and 3-4 sign in at the Early Childhood Area before service
- Grades K-6 will begin in worship with their families and then be dismissed to the Education Wing.

### Sunday Morning Signup

Mentor United Methodist Church's mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Here is a great place to do just that! Click the link for Sunday morning [SUMMER sign up](#) (or visit our site). There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:) "Worship one, serve one!"

### Kids in Traditional

Would your child be interested in being an Acolyte in TRADITIONAL service any Sunday, or consider reading on Family Sunday (1st Sunday)? If so, please contact [amypszaborn@gmail.com](mailto:amypszaborn@gmail.com) or 440-477-1902.

## Summer Programs 2023

There are SUPER programs coming up this summer at MUMC. Register or sign up to help out!

### VBS: Hero Hotline

June 26-30

daily from 9 AM to noon.

Age 4 through completed grade 6

### MSMW (Middle School Mission Week)

July 10-14, 2023

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Grades 6, 7, 8

[Registration Deadline is June 23](#)

### [REGISTER HERE](#)

### EO Camps

[Visit East Ohio Camps' site](#) to see what camps there are this summer/their deadlines. You can also visit our [site](#).

### MOPS & MOMS

Will meet at Garfield Park Playground on June 23rd.

### MUMP Registration Open

Mentor UM Preschool registration for church members is still open for the 2023-24 school year! Contact Kat Fisher at [fisher.preschool@mentorumpc.org](mailto:fisher.preschool@mentorumpc.org).

## Youth

Join us on Sunday mornings! We meet from 10:10-10:50 to be in community and have discussion. We are following the sermon series for our discussions.

Summer Schedule:

- July 9 1-3pm Mentor UMC, 8600 Mentor Ave
- July 16 1-3pm Painesville UMC, 71 N. Park Pl
- July 23 1-3pm Willoughby Hills UMC, 34201 Eddy Rd.
- July 30 1-3pm Perry UMC, 3875 Main St.
- Aug 13 2-4pm Mayfield UMC, 7747 Mayfield Rd.
- Aug 20 1:30-3pm Willoughby UMC, 15 E. Spaulding St.

### Hiking Journey Group

This Saturday morning hiking journey group will be meeting on select Sats in July & August at 10 AM at area parks. There is about an hour of hiking then you dig into God's word together! This summer we'll be doing a study called *Reckless Love: Jesus' Call to Love our Neighbor* by Tom Berlin. For more info or to sign up, contact Kate Colbow: [kate\\_colbow@yahoo.com](mailto:kate_colbow@yahoo.com)

### Bowling & Bibles

Meet us on June 21st at 7:30 PM at the Rollhouse in Mentor.

